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Honorable Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Ervin:

Thank you for your letter of 29 January 1962 in which you enclosed letters of 9 December 1961 and 16 September 1961 from a constituent. The name of the writer will be kept confidential.

The letters were forwarded to appropriate people here who have reviewed them with interest. While they contain no information that is not already available to us, we are always interested in receiving letters of this sort when it is felt that they might be of interest to us. We are, therefore, returning them to you.

I appreciate your interest and that of your constituent in bringing the information to my attention.

Sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

John A. McCone
Director

Enclosures

Letter of 9 December 1961

Letter of 16 September 1961

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62-698

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

January 29, 1962

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 Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

Sam J. Ervin, Jr.

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TO	NAME AND ADDRESS	INITIALS	DATE
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2	[REDACTED]		
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Remarks:

Legis. Counsel to prepare reply for
DCI signature after WH sees letters.

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FROM: NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.

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2-5-62

per [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] until
call me by start
of business Tuesday
2-6-62 JG

Info is true to life
Sept & Dec - not new to
me - what is said is
true - 2-5-62 [REDACTED]

Is appreciated - doesn't
add anything further to
what we already know.

ATINTE Mr. McCone;

ATINTL Senator Ervin encloses two letters that a constituent of his received from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in one letter mentions the difficulty of sending correspondence out of Cuba and the tight censorship imposed. He says that "everywhere is a spy, you do not know who anybody is so we can hardly think, no newspapers, no magazines, no radios and television, all is controlled and all you hear or see is communism." He also mentions the cancellation of the flights from Havana to Miami and regarding this he says "I am sure if a bridge was built from Cuba to Florida, over half of the people would use the bridge including some government people." A portion of his letter is devoted to the shortage of medicine, fruits, vegetables, fish, beef, etc., and he advises that there is no more Campbell's or Heinz's soup nor is there corn, beans, and fruit by Stokely or Del Monte. In the place of this, "only you see Russian corned beef, pork and fish."

A major portion of the other letter from [REDACTED] is devoted to personal things such as the physical condition of his mother, his bank account in the states, his children, etc. However, he mentions that many children have been sent to Russia, that already over 1,000 left some time ago in one vessel alone, and that "God only knows how many have been sent." He says that "communism has such a strong hold here that to get rid of it some hard fighting has to take place," etc. There is no such thing as neutralism, you are either a socialist or an imperialist and the latter is doomed to the firing squad.

65-638/2

December 9, 1961

Dear Herbert:

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Your letter that was stamped in [REDACTED] on Nov. 18th. reached [REDACTED] on Nov. 25th. and then was delivered several days later pretty well for others have taken a whole month. After several attempts finally got you on the phone - I remember it was Thanksgiving Day although it is not celebrated here and tried to see if I could be thankful also and partly succeeded as only part of what you said could be heard had to guess from the words you could hear to make the sentence but glad at any rate to have heard dear voices and see that you are not alone in this world. I was taken with a pain in my hip and at times as far as my ankle that seemed that my bones were being twisted. I had to stay in bed for eleven days, and then to limp around for the last week. I have been walking naturally but at times the pain is felt but I lay for a while on an electric pillow that I bought in [REDACTED] several years ago and all pain disappears, another mishap to count mother fell down about ten days ago and is in bed. Dr. says there is no fracture but she cannot even sit down in bed. She has a bruise on her hip and it pains her when we move her. Concerning [REDACTED] we have been planning to get them out of the Island as most people have done, but [REDACTED] did not agree when it was easier to do it, now she is willing as it is clear now that we are trapped in a Communist Cage and from now on religion will be abolished almost sure - and education will have to be on their basis.

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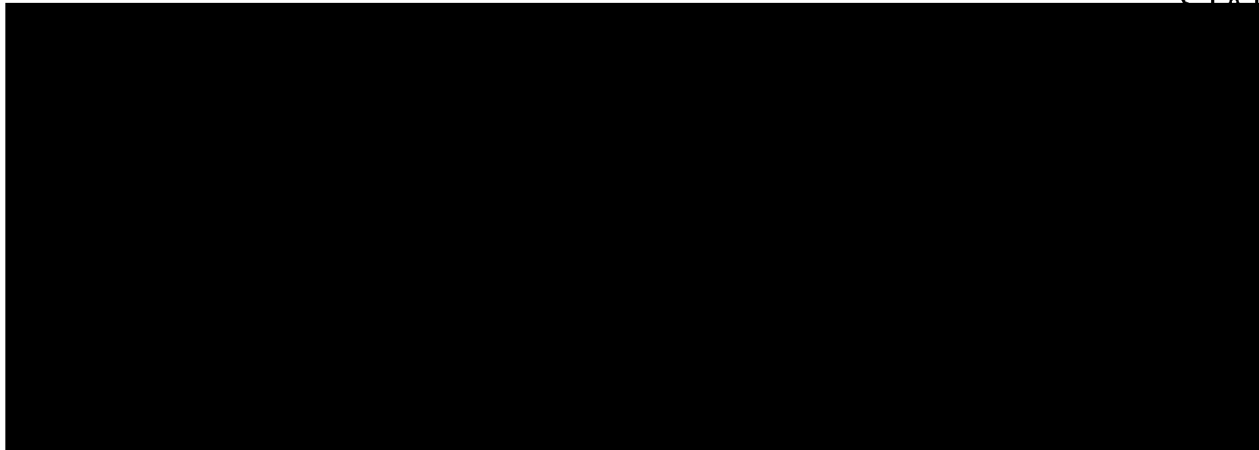
The kids are crazy to go perhaps when they fail to see us will change some. Every day they are remembering everything that happened over there and all the things [REDACTED] used to cook for them, for every

reason they should be out of here, Communism has such a strong hold here, that to get rid of it some hard fighting has to take place and we will be in between the two lines as last time but that is a sinch compared to what awaits us perhaps civilians will be pushed in by force in first line, as the boss says there is no such thing as Neutralism or you are "socialistic" or imperialist (American) and these are doomed to the firing squad.

You just reach the conclusion that you do not give a D what happens I only wish it was tomorrow and get rid of it all, as it is you cannot speak, no papers, no radio, no television all communist spies above, below and on each side of you so you have to be very careful of what you even think. My nephews are expecting to leave soon and when he goes, I will not be able to write freely as he sent them for me some safe route perhaps this is the last one, then all I can tell you is that we are well or sick and that things down here are normal, but you can read all the contrary. Thr real trouble is that you cannot send a penny out of the country it used to be that you could buy the tickets for the plane here in Cuban money now in order to get a ticket you have to have someone to send you a money order covering such expenses and then you have to turn in that money order in dollars and the Government will buy you the ticket and after many requisites give you the order to leave the Country. They both have their passports [REDACTED] STATINTL

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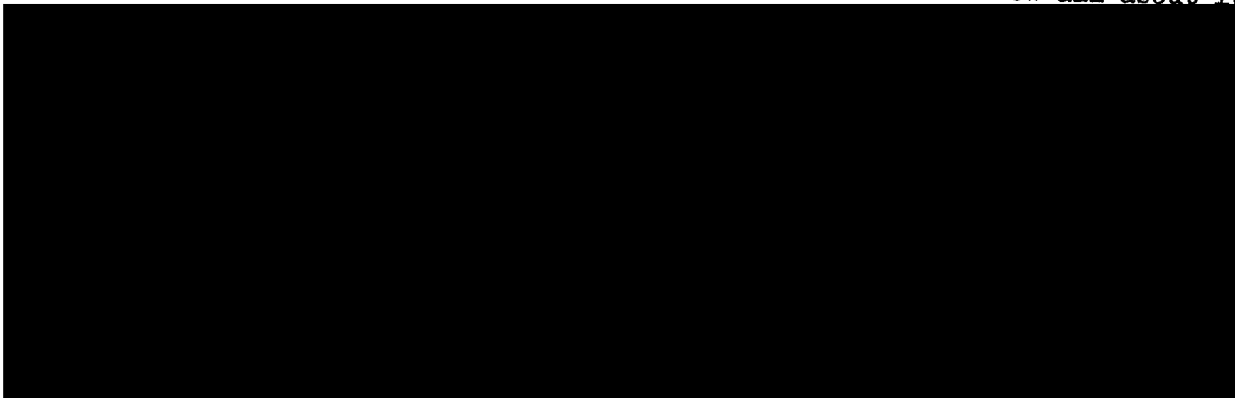


Another obstacle now is the weather the change from a tropical climate to winter in a matter of hours is dangerous, but many people do it and come out O.K. it's just coming out of the plane - that I consider worse, once in the automobile is alright I was telling [REDACTED] a while ago that I was writing you concerning their trip to the U. S. and she said we better be there before we are sent to Russia many children have been sent already over a thousand left some time ago in one vessel alone - God only knows how many have been sent.

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As [REDACTED] divorced [REDACTED] and she has the custody of the children by court dedision, he has nothing to say or give permission for the children leaving the Island, only [REDACTED] concent is necessary. I generally get the football games play by play and in the quarters they give how the rest of the games are progressing. I am going to have [REDACTED] passport renewed as soon as possible and the visa, I understand has to come from the U. S. I understand they call it waivers, this bureau in Miami must know all about it.

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think if it were not for a family reunion on Thanksgiving Day - with [REDACTED] Aunt that she might be sick - and you weve over there - the line was so bad that I did not ask while talking or trying to on the phone.

[REDACTED] came in this afternoon and has gone up town with the children. [REDACTED] is with mother and I am finishing this quietly in the drawing room - I started this letter before supper and am finishing it after.

With the exception of mother and I everybody is O.K. [REDACTED] spent a week with me and left yesterday after spending Mothers birthday here. She was 95 yesterday sorry she had to spend it in bed.

With our best regards to all,

Sincerely yours,

I had lost hopes in sending this letter today is Dec. 29. may you all have the best of New Year. Even if we start things going concerning the children they will not be able to make the trip until spring, we are afraid of the changes it might be harmful as they are not used to cold weather.

Will write soon, Sincerely

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

The attached letter to Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., which has been prepared for your signature, thanks him for his interest in forwarding to us two letters from Cuba which were received by a constituent. The letters were discussed with members of WH Division who advised that the information contained therein is true to life but adds nothing to what the Agency knows.


Legislative Counsel

13 FEB 1962

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